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INSTRUCTIONS TO RBD BERLIN, MAGDEBURG, SCHWERIN LOCOMOTIVE ENGINEERS (132 pp; German;
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The document consists of seven instruction booklets published biweekly by the Reichsbahn Directorates (RBD) in the German Democratic Republic for the use of their locomotive engineers.

The ~~booklets~~ route instruction booklets (La) cover the period from 7 September to 18 October 1952 and were issued by the RBD's Berlin (3 booklets- from 7 Sep to 18 Oct 52), Magdeburg (2 booklets- from 21 Sep to 18 Oct 52), and Schwerin (2 booklets- from 7 Sep to 4 Oct 52). They list all locations along the right of way of the railroad network under the jurisdiction of the respective RBD's which, during the period covered, required special attention of the locomotive engineers. The information is broken down by railroad lines (in numerical but necessarily incomplete order) and within those lines again by sectors (numbered consecutively regardless of lines) or by kilometer points with sectors.

The nine columns under each item are headed as follows: 1. Consecutive numbers; 2. Sector (at operational office or between operational offices); 3. Location; 4. Irregularities and speed limits; 5. Time of day or type of train concerned; 6. Valid from...(date); 7. Valid to ...(date); 8. Loss of time to be expected; 9. Reason and miscellaneous remarks.

The information covers such items as stops for train control; reduced speed at temporary bridges, at curves or at track sections under repair; poor track condition; danger of fire from sparks of the locomotives. For many bridges instructions are given to close the ashpan and not to fire the locomotives.

The last page of the three La booklets issued by RBD Berlin contain some admonitions to engineers to read all instruction booklets before each run, and follow all instructions implicitly.

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